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1. A method for operating a computer system to provide an interface between a financial bank card network and a communication system that provides a communication service, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a communications services event from the communications system;
5 converting the event into a format suitable for the financial bank card network;
and
transferring the formatted event to the financial bank card network.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the formatted event corresponds to a pre-authorization and hold request.

10 3. The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of determining an amount to charge for the communications service corresponding the received communications services event.

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15 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the step of determining the amount to charge for the communications service includes tariffing and taxing the received communications service event.

5. The method of claim 2, further comprising the steps of:

receiving a pre-authorization and hold response from the financial bank card network; and

20 signaling the communications service an indication that the communications service was authorized based on the received pre-authorization and hold response.

6. The method of claim 2, further comprising the steps of:

receiving a pre-authorization and hold response from the financial bank card network; and

25 signaling the communications service an indication that the communications service was not authorized based on the received pre-authorization and hold response.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the formatted event corresponds to a forced post request.

8. The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of determining an amount to charge for the communications service corresponding the received communications services event.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the step of determining the amount to charge for the communications service includes tariffing and taxing the received communications service event.

10. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

accumulating a plurality of data structures corresponding to a plurality of received communications service events from the communication system;

calculating a discount or surcharge corresponding to the accumulated data structures; and

requesting a forced post request over the financial bank card network corresponding to the calculated discount or surcharge.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein the step of calculating the discount or surcharge is performed at the end of a billing cycle.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein the communications service event is received in a protocol native to devices in the communication system that provide the communication service.

13. The method of claim 1, wherein the event is converted to a bank card format.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the bank card format comprises a Visa I, Visa II, ASPDH, or SET format.

15. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing steps for providing an interface between a financial bank card network and a communication system that provides a communication service, the steps comprising:

receiving a communications services event from the communications system;

5 converting the event into a format suitable for the financial bank card network;

and

transferring the formatted event to the financial bank card network.

16. The computer-readable medium of claim 15, wherein the formatted event corresponds to a pre-authorization and hold request.

10 17. The computer-readable medium of claim 16, having further computer-executable instructions for performing the step of determining an amount to charge for the communications service corresponding the received communications services event.

15 18. The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein the step of determining the amount to charge for the communications service includes tariffing and taxing the received communications service event.

19. The computer-readable medium of claim 16, having further computer-executable instructions for performing the steps of:

receiving a pre-authorization and hold response from the financial bank card network; and

20 signaling the communications service an indication that the communications service was authorized based on the received pre-authorization and hold response.

20. The computer-readable medium of claim 16, having further computer-executable instructions for performing the steps of:

25 receiving a pre-authorization and hold response from the financial bank card network; and

signaling the communications service an indication that the communications

service was not authorized based on the received pre-authorization and hold response.

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as 21. The computer-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the formatted event corresponds to a forced post request.

22. The computer-readable medium of claim 21, having further computer-executable
5 instructions for performing the step of determining an amount to charge for the communications service corresponding the received communications services event.

23. The computer-readable medium of claim 22, wherein the step of determining the amount to charge for the communications service includes tariffing and taxing the received communications service event.

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as 24. The computer-readable medium of claim 14, having further computer-executable instructions for performing the steps of:

accumulating a plurality of data structures corresponding to a plurality of received communications service events from the communication system;

15 calculating a discount or surcharge corresponding to the accumulated data structures; and

requesting a forced post request over the financial bank card network corresponding to the calculated discount or surcharge.

25. The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein the step of calculating the discount or surcharge is performed at the end of a billing cycle.

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as 26. The computer-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the communications service event is received in a protocol native to devices in the communication system that provide the communication service.

27. The computer-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the event is converted to a bank card format.

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28. The computer-readable medium of claim 27, wherein the bank card format comprises a Visa I, Visa II, ASPDH, or SET format.

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